

and commitment to community in the North Country.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank these first responders for their lifesaving actions and their commitment to safeguarding the community every day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN C. LAW

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. John C. Law, who passed away on January 20, 2022. John, a resident of the City of Santa Monica, was a beloved husband, father, and champion of affordable, high-quality health care.

John dedicated his life to serving others and was a generous philanthropist in the Los Angeles community throughout his time on the Board of Directors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, which he joined in 1997. He loved Los Angeles for its dynamism and diversity, and it was of great importance to him that the board of an esteemed medical institution like Cedars-Sinai reflected this. During his tenure serving Cedars, John championed efforts to bring women and people of color on to the Board of Directors and to better the health and well-being of the Los Angeles community. As President of the Los Angeles Free Clinic, he worked to improve health care quality, access, and outcomes for underserved communities in the region.

John contributed to health care causes and research not only through sweat equity but also through his tremendous generosity. John and his wife made their first gift to Cedars-Sinai in 1992 and contributed frequently to its prostate cancer research and health care leadership funds. An accomplished businessman, he served as president of the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation and as the Co-Managing Director of Warland Investments, a property development and management company. Before his time in Los Angeles, John resided in Washington, D.C., where he co-founded Bendixen and Law, a family attorney professional corporation in operation for over 40 years.

John is survived by his loving wife, Hope Warshaw and their son, John Law-Warshaw. He had an amazing spirit that was dedicated to serving his family and especially those most in need. He will be greatly missed by his friends, family, and all who know him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2022. This bill would make several important improvements to the operations of the local District of Columbia courts.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. has no authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code

(relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts). This bill only amends provisions in title 11.

First, this bill makes several changes to jury service in the D.C. Superior Court. It ties Superior Court juror pay to the pay jurors receive in federal court. Superior Court jurors are currently paid less than federal jurors. The bill also modernizes juror summonses by giving prospective jurors the option to receive a summons electronically, which will save the court money on postage and staff time. The bill further allows jurors who are 70 years old or older to be excused from jury service if the individual so requests.

Next, this bill allows the local D.C. courts to pay attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings and indigent children in delinquency and need of supervision proceedings up to the amount currently allowed in federal court. The local D.C. courts' current rate is \$42 per hour less than the federal rate. Similarly, the bill eliminates the \$25 hourly rate fixed rate for D.C. Criminal Justice Act investigators and caps the rate at the rate of pay for investigators in the U.S. District Court for D.C. Investigators in federal court in D.C. are currently paid \$65 an hour, and up to \$75 an hour in death penalty and other complex cases.

This bill also would move the appointment and removal of the Register of Wills (ROW) and supervisory responsibilities from the Chief Judge of the Superior Court to the Executive Officer of the D.C. courts. This change would provide the Executive Officer oversight of the personnel for the entire Probate Division, including the ROW, which will improve efficiency in making personnel decisions and in the overall administration of the Probate Division.

While both the federal government and the District of Columbia government have statutory authority to give retroactive pay increase to employees, the local D.C. courts do not have this authority. This bill corrects this deficiency.

The bill also changes references to the Domestic Violence Unit to the Domestic Violence Division, and updates references to individuals with intellectual disabilities. It would also increase the jurisdictional limit of the Small Claims Branch to \$12,000, indexed for inflation.

The bill further provides permanent authority to the local D.C. courts to retain bar examination and admission fees, independent gift authority, permanent procurement authority for motor vehicles and express authority to permit other entities to use their facilities.

Legislation to improve the operations of the local D.C. Courts has been enacted into law several times over the last decade on a bipartisan basis. I hope this bill will likewise be passed in a bipartisan manner.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING SHENANDOAH COUNTY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring Shenandoah County's 250th anniversary.

Whereas, Shenandoah County will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of its founding in 2022; and

Whereas, since its first indigenous inhabitants, almost 500 generations have called this area home; and

Whereas, the county, originally known as Dunmore, was established by the Virginia General Assembly on March 24, 1772; and

Whereas the county was renamed Shenandoah in 1778 to reflect the occupants dedication to the Patriot cause during the American Revolution; and

Whereas the fertile lands have shaped the history of this area and allowed Shenandoah County to become a leading agricultural producer; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County has a strong history of local businesses, farms, healthcare, tourism, and manufacturing; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County continues to grow by capitalizing on its distinct character, diverse population, and natural beauty; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County provides its citizens an award winning education system, bountiful job opportunities, and rich quality of life; and

Whereas, Shenandoah County citizens value the County's history, treasured landmarks, neighborly spirit, and vibrant communities; and

Whereas, the first 250 years of Shenandoah County have been fruitful in experiences and forward-looking ventures; and

Whereas, the residents of Shenandoah County will gather to commemorate their storied history and bright future throughout 2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the United States House of Representatives that we commend Shenandoah County on the occasion of its historic 250th anniversary; and, be it

Resolved Further, that this resolution be presented to the chair of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors as an expression of the U.S. House of Representatives' congratulations, admiration for the County's history and contributions to the Commonwealth, and best wishes in all its future endeavors.

HONORING MR. DAN JOHNSON

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mr. Dan Johnson, a respected servant leader whose dedicated forty-five year career in municipal government has led to the direct enrichment of numerous communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Mr. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Austin College and his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas where he was later named the recipient of the 1995 Distinguished Alumni award. Additionally, Dan is a graduate of the prestigious Public Executive Institute of the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

For several years, Johnson held a variety of municipal government positions throughout North Texas, including past service as the City Manager and Deputy City Manager for the City of Carrollton, as the Director of Regional Services at the North Central Texas Council of